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LOCAL

Mrs. George Pierce of Ann Arbor has been a Paw Paw visitor this week.

Mrs. Radtke, east of town, is visiting her daughters in Chicago this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Abrams of Lawrence were Paw Paw visitors Monday evening.

The Dorcas society will meet with Mrs. C. W. Van Tassel on Tuesday afternoon, March 4th, for work.

John Oswiany returned from Detroit last Friday with a new Ford automobile for Packer and Giddings.

Will Showerman came over from Battle Creek for a visit with old home friends and relatives the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Parham and children of Sturgis were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Herwig.

Lieutenant Lloyd Harvey spent a few days in Paw Paw this week. He is still in the Aviation service of the army and was enroute from New York City to Washington, D. C.

The Royal Neighbors of America will serve a "Penny Supper" at the G. A. R. Hall on Tuesday evening, March 4th, from 5:30 to 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

Exercises were held in the Richmond school house, east of Paw Paw last Friday evening, in honor of Washington's birthday. A fine program was enjoyed by a good crowd.

The Red Cross will sell the balance of their stock of Knitting Wools at 39, 65 and 75 cents per skein, on Saturday afternoon, March 1st, from 1:30 to 4:00 o'clock at the J. W. Free and Company Banking rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Rue Labadie who reside near Three Mile lake returned home last week after spending several months in Kissimmee, Florida. They made the trip out there by auto, then sold the car and returned home on the train.

Ford Wilber recently received the sad news of his brother's death of pneumonia in France. He was a Lieutenant and trained with the 85th, Division at Camp Custer, spending week ends in Paw Paw during his stay in that camp.

D. R. Thayer, in rumaging through some of his relics, recently discovered, stuck to the inside of an old tea pot of Colonial days, a postage stamp which had evidently been there for many years. It is probable that the stamp dates back to the Colonial period of our country's history, and is of considerable value as a relic.

Little Madeline Mercer underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday morning at the home of her parents, west of town. Dr. DeWitt of Kalamazoo, Hawkey of Paw Paw and Kenfield of Lawrence, performed the operation which was successful, and the patient is doing nicely under the care of Miss Fetterolf, a trained nurse from Kalamazoo.

The local schools are now rehearsing for "The Pennant", an Operetta which will be given on the evening of March 27th, as the last number on the lecture course. It consists of solos, duets, a chorus of forty voices and some dialogue. The rehearsals are in charge of Miss Mae Brumstead and the entertainment promises to be one of the best of the entire year.

Mr. Reeves of the Idle Hour announces the feature 'The Marionettes' starring Clara Kimball Young for Saturday of this week. Children's matinee at 2:30, admission Children six cents adults regular price. Evening regular prices 10 and 15 cents. The feature for Sunday evening is "Flirting with Fate" featuring Douglas Fairbanks. Good comedies both Saturday and Sunday.

M. H. Sherrod of St. Paul, Minn., has been the guest of the past week of his sister, Mrs. Claude Snow and family. Mr. Sherrod is well known here, and his friends will be grieved to learn of his failing eyesight. Claude states that the symptoms are already quite pronounced, and that it is no uncommon thing for him to imagine misquitoses buzzing about the room, even on a cold winter night.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck spent several days in Detroit last week returning home Sunday evening.

Donald Payne of Chicago spent the week end here with his wife who is a guest at the home of Mrs. Ted Soule.

Mrs. Herbert Geddes returned home Wednesday after a two months visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Will Darby in Valparaiso.

Mrs. J. C. Brown was called to Ann Arbor last week to nurse Mrs. H. E. Randall of that city. She will be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Raushenberg of Detroit spent several days here with their sister and brothers at the Amsterberg home, on Pine street.

The social dancing party at Longwell's Opera house on Tuesday evening was enjoyed by a good crowd. The music by Brocato's orchestra was up to the usual standard of excellence.

E. T. Hilkirt of Capac, Michigan is the new owner of the Texas Sprague farm east of Paw Paw, and arrived to take possession the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague have moved to the E. E. Pierce farm which was their home for many years.

There will be a "Practice Meeting" of the officers and members of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, March 4th. Those interested are urged by the Master to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jordon will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary next Tuesday, March fourth. Their son Sam is expected home from Tensed, Idaho to be with them on that day.

The second number of the High school Lyceum course was enjoyed by a crowded house Thursday evening. The Lillian Johnston company furnished this number, and gave excellent satisfaction. If the remaining numbers of the course are as good as the first two, the entire course will be considered a complete success.

Word was received by Paw Paw friends the first of the week of the death of Paul Squire at his home in Cleveland, last Friday. He was the son of Harley Squire of Decatur, and will be remembered by many Paw Paw people. He leaves a wife and children. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

Mrs. A. A. Pike recently received from friends in Florida, two large coconuts with the outer covering or fibre on, just as they come from the tree. They came through the mail, with the stamp and address on the outer shell of the fibre. They are quite interesting to those who do not know how a coconut looks as it comes from the tree, and are on display at The True Northerner office.

A rare opportunity is in store for the people of Paw Paw and vicinity, next Sunday evening, March 3rd. Mr. Herbert Strickler of the McCormick Theological Seminary, who served during the war with the British Y. M. C. A. will speak at the Union services in the Presbyterian church on the subject, "With the British Army at Mesopotamia". Mr. Strickler is a young man full of energy and enthusiasm and after his army experience will bring a message of real interest and value.

There was quite a surprise at the E. B. Gilbert home, west of town, when their nephew Corporal Clarence Gilbert came Saturday to help celebrate his Aunt's birthday. They knew he was at a hospital in Richmond, Virginia, but had not heard he had been sent on to Camp Custer until the day he arrived here. He expects soon to be discharged. He went overseas with Company C, 126 Infantry and was wounded during the battle at Chateau Thierry, and had been in a hospital since October 8th. He was accompanied here by his mother, Mrs. Kate Gilbert.

Herbert Geddes, who has held a position with a Printing company in Mitchell, South Dakota for the past year, returned to Paw Paw on Monday last. He stopped at Valparaiso, Indiana enroute for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Darby. Mr. Geddes was at one time an employee of The True Northerner, and later editor of The Rock Falls News at Rock Falls, Illinois. He is an expert fisherman and is already making plans to lure some of the choice specimens of the Pike family from the depths of Maple Lake during the coming season.

J. Wintersheidt was in Chicago on business last week.

M. H. Young was in Kalamazoo on business last Monday.

There will be a Box social at the Palmer school house, north of Almena on Friday evening, March 7th.

Probate Judge Killefer and County Agent A. F. Hulbert were in South Haven on legal business last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Lurkins entertained at her home last Thursday, Mesdames Shune man, J. Wintersheidt, Eva Orr and the Misses Mary and Ellen Labadie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons and Miss Florence of Kalamazoo accompanied Alva Burt home from that city to spend the week end with Mrs. Burt and son Wilbur.

Quite a number from Paw Paw were in Hartford on Tuesday to attend the "anti-Beer and Wine amendment" meeting. Wm. C. Mosier was chairman of the meeting.

The next meeting of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 F. and A. M. will be the "Regular" on Monday evening, March 10th. The P. M. and M. E. M. degrees will be conferred on three candidates at that time.

Mrs. Claude Snow was called to Cleveland, Ohio the first of the week by the serious illness of their daughter, Miss Freda. Word from her states that Freda is suffering from pneumonia, but her condition is improved and is not alarming.

Mrs. Rachel Bailey was a guest of Mrs. Wm. A. Stone in Kalamazoo last week, and while there had the pleasure of attending a "Colonial Reception" in honor of Washington's Birthday at the home of Mrs. J. D. Clement.

Mrs. F. N. Wakeman had the misfortune to suffer a badly sprained ankle, while in attendance at the State Federation of Women's clubs in Battle Creek last week. She is up and about the house but unable to be out yet.

Many availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the various departments of the school on "Patron and Parents Day" last Friday. The splendid work being done by the teachers and pupils of the school was a revelation to the visitors.

O. W. Rowland leaves today for Detroit for a visit with his grandsons, Sergeant Oran Rowland, and Lieutenant Ralph Rowland, who have just returned from Overseas. Oran is in the Ford hospital in that city, recovering from shrapnel wounds.

Ex-President, Wm. Howard Taft will speak at the Armory in Kalamazoo on the evening of March fourth. His subject will be "The League of Nations." Governor Sleeper will be present, and the city of Kalamazoo is planning to give the distinguished visitors a fitting reception.

Petitions are being sent to the War Department urging an early return of the American Soldiers to their homes, and also that six months extra pay be allowed every discharged soldier. The John W. Free and Co. urge signers to such a petition in extra advertising space on page four of this issue. The motive is commendable and such petitions will be freely signed.

The Sheriff's force have done a mighty good job in clearing up the mystery surrounding a reign of petty thieving and larceny in the city of South Haven. A confession secured from Wm. Bigoness, arrested in connection with the matter some weeks ago, implicated several South Haven parties, all of whom are now under arrest. Much of the loot, alleged to have been stolen by the gang, has been recovered.

The Chicken Pie dinner and annual Field Meet of the Ladies of the Coterie and the "Daughters" was a howling success under the capable management of Mesdames Belle Johnson, Anna Tuttle, and Lena Irey. The table fairly groaned under its load of delicacies, and nearly all the members were present to enjoy the event. After the debris from the banquet had been cleared away, the second annual field meet was held, and contests in the various events were keen. The cup winners will remain in possession of the trophy until the year 1920.

Armour Grape Juice factory at Mat-tawan.

Mrs. Whitman has returned home from her sojourn in Florida.

Eldred Fish, Ted Ferguson and Bert Cummins are working in the

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phelps spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Betaque

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett McKinstry were week end guests of friends in Kalamazoo.

Gladstone Beattie and wife made a business trip to South Bend, Indiana the first of the week.

Supt. O. W. Kaye is in Chicago this week attending the annual session of the National Educational Association.

Deputy Sheriff H. A. Cross and F. N. Wakemen were in South Haven Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Dr. A. C. Runyan.

Miss Marie Ryan who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Young Jr. for the past week, returned to her home in Kalamazoo Thursday.

There will be a meeting of the I. O. O. F. Lodge next Wednesday evening, March fifth, for work. A pot-luck supper will be enjoyed after the work.

Mrs. Delos Mitchelson returned from Lawton on Wednesday of this week where she has been caring for her daughter, Mrs. Harry Nash, who has been ill.

Longwell and Warner have moved their real estate offices to the Longwell block where they will occupy the upper floor over the John W. Free Co., Bankers and the Paw Paw Savings Bank.

Lew Morlan of Decatur has been, the guest of Eugene Bailey this week. Mr. Morlan recently returned from France. They spent Friday evening at the home of Mrs. John Ryden near Lawrence.

Attention is called in this issue to the "ad" of Fred Hakes, the new blacksmith at the Hayward shop, East Main street. Mr. Hakes is an experienced blacksmith, and comes here from Marcellus.

Glenn E. Warner, H. H. Adams, Gladstone Beattie and George Gould were guests of the Mattawan Rod and Gun club at their annual banquet last Saturday evening. Glenn was one of the speakers of the evening.

The regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. will be held on Friday evening of this week, after which a pot luck supper and program will take place. Mrs. Rachel Bailey will try and impress the women as to their important duty which is their election day, April 8th.

Next Wednesday, March 5th, promises to be a "Red Letter Day" at the Coterie. It will be a day of "Originality" and following is the program: Original Story, Mrs. Belle Johnson; Original Poem, Mrs. Imogene Burke; Original Poem, Mrs. Clara Wilson; Original Song, Mrs. Clara Woodman; Music for Same, Mrs. Mamie Shaefer.

The village election comes this year on Tuesday, March 10th. There is but one ticket in the field, so the election will probably pass with but little enthusiasm and interest. It will be a splendid drill for the ladies however, to come out and vote, and wear off that "Stage Fright" that might appear in a real election.

Dr. A. C. Runyan, one of the most prominent citizens of South Haven city, and well known throughout the county, died at his residence in that city last Monday afternoon. He has been in failing health for several months, and ulcers around the heart caused a rapid decline. His funeral was held from the home in South Haven on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Olivia Woodman received much favorable comment in the press of the state on the excellence of her address in placing Mrs. Dora Stockman of Grand Rapids in nomination before the Republican State convention at Lansing. She had the honor of being the first lady to place a candidate in nomination in a political convention of this state. It is naturally gratifying to Mrs. Woodman to know that her candidate was nominated, and likewise pleasing to know that she will in all probability be elected as member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Mrs. W. A. Prater is recovering from quite a serious illness.

Mrs. David Anderson was a Kalamazoo visitor on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Campbell spent Thursday last in Kalamazoo.

Jesse Wilson was slightly under the weather last week and confined to his home.

George Tuttle who has been on the sick list for several days is now on the gain.

Mrs. J. C. Maxwell is entertaining her mother and sister from Dowagiac this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Higgs organized a class in dancing in Lawton last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. May Lamson of Covert was a guest at the Gladstone Beattie home the first of the week.

Advertised Letters—Ted DeMarary, Mrs. W. C. Murphy, Miss Mildred I. Murphy, C. W. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Abrams and daughter, Miss Francis, of Lawrence were Paw Paw visitors on Thursday.

Miss Winnie Dunham has recovered from her recent illness and is again at her post in the First National Bank.

There will be a Box social next Monday night at the Baptist church, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society.

A social dancing party was enjoyed by members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and their families on Thursday evening of last week.

Another quota of army trucks made Paw Paw their stopping place Thursday night. The rough roads necessitated a shortening of the schedule.

Mrs. H. W. McCabe is visiting her daughters in Jackson, Lansing and Detroit. Hank has a job on his hands for the next month, but is not complaining.

Deputy Game Warden Showerman, found a trapper in Kendall this week taking a chance on setting a trap inside a muskrat house. The experiment cost the trapper a total of \$27.50.

If the last three days of February are an indication of what kind of weather March will bring forth, there will be more real winter during the month than during all the balance of the winter combined.

Mrs. Jennie H. Lockwood died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Johnson on Wednesday morning, February 26th, following a prolonged illness. Mrs. Lockwood was the wife of the late Ezra L. Lockwood, and together they were pioneers of Monroe County, Michigan. Mrs. Lockwood in life was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was the mother of five children, three of whom survive her. Mrs. E. D. Johnson of Paw Paw, Mrs. Mary L. Miller of Ypsilanti and Judge Harry A. Lockwood of Detroit. The funeral services will be held from the home in Petersburg, Michigan, where the remains were taken for burial.

The following clipping, under the head of "Ford and His Son, now Richest Woodchoppers" was taken from a California paper and sent to the True Northerner by John H. Sirrine:—"Probably the richest woodchoppers in the world are now residing near Los Angeles. They are following the example set by William E. Gladstone, former premier of England, and by the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt, when he was President of the United States. Henry Ford and his son, Edsall Ford, well known automobile manufacturer of Detroit, chop wood for a half hour every day at their winter home in Altadena. 'Its great exercise', said Mr. Ford today. 'The average man does not exercise enough. Cutting wood cannot be excelled for keeping one in physical trim. It is also a useful occupation.' Mr. Sirrine makes the following comment on the above clipping:—"It seems to the writer that it might be well for the Michigan soldiers, as well as others, to remember that Edsall Ford, son of Henry Ford, could not be spared from the manufacturing plant to go to war, but can be spared from the plant to go to spend the winter in Southern California. Military drill would have given the young man plenty of exercise."

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Killefer Jr. returned from a visit to Chicago on Tuesday last.

Don't forget the feature starring Clara Kimball Young at the Idle Hour theatre Saturday afternoon and evening. Then on Sunday evening, Douglas Fairbanks in "Flirting with Fate."

Postmaster H. A. Cole has been confined to his home a part of this week on account of blood poisoning in his right arm, caused by infection from a scratch on his wrist.

A deputy from the office of Internal Revenue Service, will be in Van Buren county on the following dates and places to assist those who desire assistance in making out their income returns:—Decatur, March 8th, Paw Paw, March 10 and 11; Hartford, March 13; South Haven, March 13, 14 and 15. All income tax returns under the new revenue act must be filed and at least twenty-five per cent of the tax paid on or before March 15th. Those who are not familiar with the making of these returns must not neglect to see the deputy while in this county. After the date of his reparture it will be too late to file a return and escape a heavy penalty.

After many months of patient suffering, W. A. Simkins answered the last summons on Friday last, February 21st, and passed to the Great Beyond. He suffered a stroke of paralysis in August of 1916, and while for a year or more following, he was able to be up and around, his decline has been gradual, but certain, and he had been unable to rise from his bed since August of last year. During all these months of intense, yet patient suffering, he has been tenderly and faithfully cared for by his devoted wife and daughter, and never a wish or a care, in the night time or during the day had been denied him. W. A. Simkins was born in Elkton, Ohio, on June 22nd, 1855. In the year 1864, he went to Iowa, which state remained his home until November 1913, when he became a resident of Paw Paw, and formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Harold D. Spicer, as owners and publishers of The Free Press and Courier. He is a veteran printer and newspaper man, starting in to learn the trade at the age of fourteen, and during his residence in Iowa, owned and published several weekly newspapers, among them, "The LeMars Globe-Post," the "Remsen Chronicle," and the "Britt News". The latter publication he published for a period of thirteen years, and until he moved to this village. He took a keen interest in affairs political, and was always an active participant in the civic and industrial development of the community in which he lived. He was postmaster at Britt, Iowa for a period of six years, receiving his appointment from President Roosevelt, and held several other minor offices and positions of honor and trust in that state. Deceased was married to Miss Alice Forsythe, an Iowa girl in May 1882. One child, a daughter, now Mrs. Harold D. Spicer, was born to them. He was a quiet unassuming man of ideal character and sterling worth, a real home body, and a lover of nature and all out door life. He was a most devoted husband and father, a loyal true friend, and an exemplary citizen. Every one who knew him was an admirer and a friend. He became a member of the Masonic fraternity on his twenty-first birthday, and maintained an active interest in lodge activities as long as his health would permit. He held all the important offices in both Blue Lodge and Chapter in his home state of Iowa, and affiliated with both organizations in Paw Paw when he became a resident of this village. He was also a life long member of the Presbyterian church, and a sincere and active participant in all church work. He made a host of friends in this community during his brief residence here, who, with the legion of devoted companions of his old home state of Iowa, will deeply and sincerely mourn his passing. He leaves besides his faithful wife and devoted daughter, two sisters in California.

The funeral was held from the home on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. Rev. Percy Nickless of the Presbyterian church gave a brief eulogy to the memory of deceased, and Past Master M. H. Young officiated for the fraternity. Interment was in Prospect cemetery.